Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

July 2017

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering July 9th to 14th, 2017, there were 574,400 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is a decrease of 5,400 from June 2017 and 1,700 less than the number employed in July 2016.

Agricultural employment was 38,900 persons in July 2017, up 800 from the June 2017 level but 3,800 less than the July 2016 agricultural employment level of 42,700. Non-agricultural employment was 535,500 persons in July 2017. This is a decrease of 6,200 from the June 2017 non-agriculture employment level of 541,700 but 2,100 more than July 2016.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for July 2017 was 6.6 percent. This is an increase of 0.8 percentage points from the June 2017 rate of 5.8 percent and 0.3 percentage points higher than the July 2016 level of 6.3 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 500 to 615,000 persons in July 2017 from 615,500 persons in June 2017. This is 200 more than the July 2016 labour force of 614,800 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.1 percentage points to 70.1 percent in July 2017 from 70.2 percent in June 2017. The July 2016 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 70.7 percent.

There were 40,600 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during July 2017. This is an increase of 4,900 from June 2017 and is 2,000 more than the number unemployed in July 2016.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 568,000 persons employed in Saskatchewan in July 2017, down 400 from the June 2017 level of 568,400 and is down 1,400 from the July 2016 employment level of 569,400 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for July 2017 was 6.6 percent. This is an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the June 2017 rate of 6.5 percent and 0.3 percentage points higher than the July 2016 rate of 6.3 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 70,500 persons in July 2017 to 18,698,800 persons from 18,769,300 persons in June 2017. In July 2016, there were 18,301,600 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.5 percentage points in July 2017 to 6.5 percent from the June 2017 level of 6.0 percent. In July 2016, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.2 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.3 percent in July 2017. This is 0.2 percentage points lower than June 2017 and 0.7 percentage points lower than the July 2016 level of 7.0 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	July 2017	June 2017	July 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	20,005.0	19,973.3	19,720.9	31.7	284.1
Employed ('000)	18,698.8	18,769.3	18,301.6	-70.5	397.2
Full-Time ('000)	15,487.2	15,316.5	15,131.3	170.7	355.9
Part-Time ('000)	3,211.7	3,452.7	3,170.3	-241.0	41.4
Unemployed ('000)	1,306.2	1,204.1	1,419.4	102.1	-113.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.5	6.0	7.2	0.5	-0.7
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.3	6.5	7.0	-0.2	-0.7
Participation Rate (%)	66.9	66.8	66.6	0.1	0.3
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	615.0	615.5	614.8	-0.5	0.2
Employed ('000)	574.4	579.8	576.1	-5.4	-1.7
Full-Time ('000)	480.7	481.0	481.2	-0.3	-0.5
Part-Time ('000)	93.7	98.8	94.9	-5.1	-1.2
Unemployed ('000)	40.6	35.7	38.6	4.9	2.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.6	5.8	6.3	0.8	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.6	6.5	6.3	0.1	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	70.1	70.2	70.7	-0.1	-0.6
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Labour Force ('000)	2,502.7	2,506.8	2,492.4	-4.1	10.3
Employed ('000)	2,296.6	2,325.5	2,266.5	-28.9	30.1
Full-Time ('000)	1,898.3	1,904.0	1,864.5	-5.7	33.8
Part-Time ('000)	398.3	421.5	402.0	-23.2	-3.7
Unemployed ('000)	206.1	181.3	225.9	24.8	-19.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.2	7.2	9.1	1.0	-0.9
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	7.8	7.4	8.6	0.4	-0.8
Participation Rate (%)	72.9	73.1	73.2	-0.2	-0.3
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Labour Force ('000)	694.2	689.6	688.2	4.6	6.0
Employed ('000)	655.5	656.8	640.5	-1.3	15.0
Full-Time ('000)	543.8	535.1	530.9	8.7	12.9
Part-Time ('000)	111.7	121.7	109.6	-10.0	2.1
Unemployed ('000)	38.7	32.8	47.7	5.9	-9.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.6	4.8	6.9	0.8	-1.3
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.0	5.3	6.3	-0.3	-1.3
Participation Rate (%)	68.4	68.1	68.8	0.3	-0.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	July 2017	June 2017	July 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	615.0	615.5	614.8	-0.5	0.2
Male	335.9	333.2	336.6	2.7	-0.7
Female	279.0	282.3	278.2	-3.3	0.8
15-24 Years of Age	99.2	95.0	100.7	4.2	-1.5
25+ Years of age	515.8	520.5	514.0	-4.7	1.8
EMPLOYED ('000)	574.4	579.8	576.1	-5.4	-1.7
Male	314.9	312.2	315.1	2.7	-0.2
Female	259.5	267.6	261.0	-8.1	-1.5
15-24 Years of Age	87.8	84.4	89.1	3.4	-1.3
25+ Years of age	486.5	495.4	487.0	-8.9	-0.5
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	40.6	35.7	38.6	4.9	2.0
Male	21.0	21.0	21.4	0.0	-0.4
Female	19.6	14.8	17.2	4.8	2.4
15-24 Years of Age	11.3	10.6	11.7	0.7	-0.4
25+ Years of age	29.3	25.2	27.0	4.1	2.3
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	6.6	5.8	6.3	0.8	0.3
Male	6.3	6.3	6.4	0.0	-0.1
Female	7.0	5.2	6.2	1.8	0.8
15-24 Years of Age	11.4	11.2	11.6	0.2	-0.2
25+ Years of age	5.7	4.8	5.3	0.9	0.4
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	70.1	70.2	70.7	-0.1	-0.6
Male	75.9	75.4	76.8	0.5	-0.9
Female	64.1	64.9	64.5	-0.8	-0.4
15-24 Years of Age	74.2	71.0	74.7	3.2	-0.5
25+ Years of age	69.4	70.0	69.9	-0.6	-0.5

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	July 2017	June 2017	July 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	38.9	38.1	42.7	0.8	-3.8
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	24.3	23.0	25.0	1.3	-0.7
Utilities	7.0	7.4	7.1	-0.4	-0.1
Construction	55.2	54.5	54.1	0.7	1.1
Manufacturing	29.0	28.1	25.3	0.9	3.7
Trade	92.0	91.6	89.5	0.4	2.5
Transportation and Warehousing	29.1	29.2	28.8	-0.1	0.3
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	28.1	27.4	28.7	0.7	-0.6
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	30.7	31.3	27.2	-0.6	3.5
Business, Building and Other Support Services	15.8	15.3	14.3	0.5	1.5
Educational Services	30.7	42.2	33.9	-11.5	-3.2
Health Care and Social Assistance	77.8	77.5	79.5	0.3	-1.7
Information, Culture and Recreation	22.4	21.6	22.3	0.8	0.1
Accommodation and Food Services	38.1	37.5	40.2	0.6	-2.1
Other Services	24.9	24.9	25.8	0.0	-0.9
Public Administration	30.3	30.3	31.8	0.0	-1.5
Total	574.4	579.8	576.1	-5.4	-1.7
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	480.7	481.0	481.2	-0.3	-0.5
Part-Time	93.7	98.8	94.9	-5.1	-1.2
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	469.7	479.2	472.9	-9.5	-3.2
Public Sector	130.9	143.1	134.8	-12.2	-3.9
Private Sector	338.8	336.2	338.2	2.6	0.6
Self-Employed	104.7	100.5	103.2	4.2	1.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	July 2017	June 2017	July 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	18,698.8	18,769.3	18,301.6	-70.5	397.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	233.1	234.9	247.9	-1.8	-14.8
Prince Edward Island	77.9	79.9	75.9	-2.0	2.0
Nova Scotia	462.6	460.4	458.4	2.2	4.2
New Brunswick	365.6	365.6	367.6	0.0	-2.0
Quebec	4,324.9	4,331.8	4,197.5	-6.9	127.4
Ontario	7,200.9	7,208.3	7,052.1	-7.4	148.8
Manitoba	655.5	656.8	640.5	-1.3	15.0
Saskatchewan	574.4	579.8	576.1	-5.4	-1.7
Alberta	2,296.6	2,325.5	2,266.5	-28.9	30.1
British Columbia	2,507.4	2,526.3	2,419.0	-18.9	88.4
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	6.5	6.0	7.2	0.5	-0.7
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.8	12.6	11.1	1.2	2.7
Prince Edward Island	9.3	6.9	8.7	2.4	0.6
Nova Scotia	7.7	7.9	8.1	-0.2	-0.4
New Brunswick	6.4	6.8	9.6	-0.4	-3.2
Quebec	5.9	5.6	7.0	0.3	-1.1
Ontario	6.5	6.1	6.9	0.4	-0.4
Manitoba	5.6	4.8	6.9	0.8	-1.3
Saskatchewan	6.6	5.8	6.3	0.8	0.3
Alberta	8.2	7.2	9.1	1.0	-0.9
British Columbia	5.4	4.5	5.8	0.9	-0.4

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	July 2017	June 2017	July 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	18,421.9	18,411.0	18,034.3	10.9	387.6
Newfoundland & Labrador	219.0	224.3	231.5	-5.3	-12.5
Prince Edward Island	73.5	74.5	71.4	-1.0	2.1
Nova Scotia	450.2	448.3	445.4	1.9	4.8
New Brunswick	352.4	352.2	354.9	0.2	-2.5
Quebec	4,238.0	4,233.3	4,113.7	4.7	124.3
Ontario	7,106.3	7,080.8	6,968.4	25.5	137.9
Manitoba	649.1	644.3	635.7	4.8	13.4
Saskatchewan	568.0	568.4	569.4	-0.4	-1.4
Alberta	2,284.2	2,298.6	2,249.7	-14.4	34.5
British Columbia	2,481.2	2,486.3	2,394.2	-5.1	87.0
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	6.3	6.5	7.0	-0.2	-0.7
Newfoundland & Labrador	15.7	14.9	12.9	0.8	2.8
Prince Edward Island	10.0	10.2	9.7	-0.2	0.3
Nova Scotia	7.9	8.8	8.3	-0.9	-0.4
New Brunswick	6.5	8.1	9.6	-1.6	-3.1
Quebec	5.8	6.0	7.0	-0.2	-1.2
Ontario	6.1	6.4	6.5	-0.3	-0.4
Manitoba	5.0	5.3	6.3	-0.3	-1.3
Saskatchewan	6.6	6.5	6.3	0.1	0.3
Alberta	7.8	7.4	8.6	0.4	-0.8
British Columbia	5.3	5.1	5.6	0.2	-0.3

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	July 2017	June 2017	July 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	8.2	7.8	6.7	0.4	1.5
Halifax	6.6	6.9	5.2	-0.3	1.4
Saint John	5.9	6.3	7.5	-0.4	-1.6
Quebec	4.0	4.5	4.3	-0.5	-0.3
Montreal	6.5	6.7	7.9	-0.2	-1.4
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.3	5.9	6.6	0.4	-0.3
Toronto	7.1	6.8	6.8	0.3	0.3
Greater Sudbury	6.7	6.7	8.0	0.0	-1.3
Winnipeg	5.5	5.3	6.6	0.2	-1.1
Regina	5.4	5.2	5.5	0.2	-0.1
Saskatoon	8.1	8.1	5.9	0.0	2.2
Calgary	8.6	8.9	9.1	-0.3	-0.5
Edmonton	8.7	8.1	7.8	0.6	0.9
Vancouver	5.2	5.1	5.5	0.1	-0.3
Victoria	4.4	3.9	4.5	0.5	-0.1
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	184.6	182.9	186.9	1.7	-2.3
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	51.7	51.4	53.4	0.3	-1.7
Saskatoon-Biggar	202.2	198.3	198.3	3.9	3.9
Yorkton-Melville	40.4	40.4	38.5	0.0	1.9
Prince Albert & Northern	98.9	100.0	101.5	-1.1	-2.6

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	July 2017	June 2017	July 2016	Last Month	Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	615.5	611.3	614.9	4.2	0.6
Employed ('000)	576.9	571.8	578.7	5.1	-1.8
Unemployed ('000)	38.6	39.5	36.2	-0.9	2.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.3	6.5	5.9	-0.2	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	70.2	69.8	70.8	0.4	-0.6
Employment Rate (%)	65.8	65.3	66.6	0.5	-0.8
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	561.8	556.9	561.3	4.9	0.5
Employed ('000)	530.6	525.1	533.2	5.5	-2.6
Unemployed ('000)	31.2	31.8	28.1	-0.6	3.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.6	5.7	5.0	-0.1	0.6
Participation Rate (%)	71.0	70.4	71.3	0.6	-0.3
Employment Rate (%)	67.0	66.4	67.7	0.6	-0.7
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	53.7	54.4	53.6	-0.7	0.1
Employed ('000)	46.3	46.8	45.5	-0.5	0.8
Unemployed ('000)	7.4	7.7	8.1	-0.3	-0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.8	14.1	15.1	-0.3	-1.3
Participation Rate (%)	63.1	63.9	65.8	-0.8	-2.7
Employment Rate (%)	54.3	54.9	55.9	-0.6	-1.6
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Labour Force ('000)	21.4	21.9	20.6	-0.5	0.8
Employed ('000)	17.1	17.6	15.5	-0.5	1.6
Unemployed ('000)	4.3	4.3	5.1	0.0	-0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	20.1	19.8	24.7	0.3	-4.6
Participation Rate (%)	56.2	57.5	58.1	-1.3	-1.9
Employment Rate (%)	44.9	46.1	43.7	-1.2	1.2
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Labour Force ('000)	31.9	32.2	32.7	-0.3	-0.8
Employed ('000)	29.1	29.1	29.7	0.0	-0.6
Unemployed ('000)	2.9	3.1	3.0	-0.2	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.9	9.6	9.1	-0.7	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	68.5	69.0	71.9	-0.5	-3.4
Employment Rate (%)	62.4	62.4	65.3	0.0	-2.9

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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